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FROM: Alan Cooper

DATE: July 15, 2004

MESSAGE: Following you should find proposed/ informal amendments for an interview at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Alan Cooper

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1. (Proposed Amendment) A system comprising:
 - a first bus master;
 - a second bus master;
 - a first bus arbiter coupled to the first and the second bus masters;
 - a second bus arbiter coupled to the first and the second bus masters;
 - a first bus slave coupled to the first bus arbiter, the first bus master requesting a first data operation on the first bus slave via the first bus arbiter, the first data operation being performed during a first period; [[and]]
 - a second bus slave coupled to the second bus arbiter, the second bus master requesting a second data operation on the second bus slave via the second bus arbiter, the second data operation being performed during the first period;
 - a first gating logic coupled to the first master for receiving the first arbitration request and the first address information from the first master, and coupled to the first bus arbiter for providing the first arbitration request to the first bus arbiter; and
 - a second gating logic coupled to the second master for receiving the second arbitration request and the second address information from the second master, and coupled to the second bus arbiter for providing the second arbitration request to the second bus arbiter.

PROPOSED TITLE:

N-WAY PSEUDO CROSS-BAR HAVING AN ARBITRATION FEATURE
USING DISCRETE PROCESSOR LOCAL BUSES

Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/059,558 First Named Applicant: Richard Gerard Hoffman
 Examiner: Gopal Ray Art Unit: 2111 Status of Application: First O.A.

Tentative Participants:

(1) Alan Cooper (2) _____
 (3) _____ (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 7/16/04 Proposed Time: _____ (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rej</u>	<u>1</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Obj</u>	<u>Title</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

a) proposed amendment of claim 1 overcomes 102(b) rejection

b) proposed amendment to title overcomes objection to title

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Alan D. R. Cooper
 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

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